Please add new Claims 12 and 13 and amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A printer, having a first interface and a second interface, comprising:

determining means for determining whether a device ID request is received from the first interface;

transmitting means for transmitting a device ID to a device connected to the first interface when it is determined by the determining means that the device ID request is received from the first interface; and

~~first connecting means for connecting a first interface;~~

~~second connecting means for connecting a second interface; and~~

control means for causing, when it is determined that the [[a]] device ID request from the first interface is received by said determining means, said printer to become ~~enter~~ a busy state in which a printing operation is performed such that data from the second interface is not received and data from the first interface is received and printed ~~no data is received from the second interface and for releasing the busy state when no data is received within a predetermined period of time~~.

2. (Original) A printer according to Claim 1, further comprising printing means for performing printing based on received data.

3. (Original) A printer according to Claim 2, wherein said printing means

comprises an ink-jet printer.

4. (Original) A printer according to Claim 1, wherein the interfaces comprise a Centronics interface.

5. (Currently Amended) A printer according to Claim 1, wherein, ~~when the device ID request from the first interface is received, said control means causes said printer to enter the busy state in which no data from the second interface is received, and~~ when data is received <u>from the first interface</u> within ~~the~~ <u>a</u> predetermined period of time <u>after the printer becomes the busy state</u>, said control means prints the received data and, after the printing is completed, said control means releases the busy state.

6. (Currently Amended) A control method for a printer <u>having</u> ~~comprising~~ ~~first connecting means for connecting~~ a first interface and ~~second connecting means for connecting~~ a second interface, said control method comprising the steps of:

<u>determining whether a device ID request is received from the first interface;</u>

<u>transmitting a device ID to a device connected to the first interface when it is determined by the determining step that the device ID request is received from the first interface; and</u>

<u>a control step of</u> causing, when <u>it is determined by the determining step that</u> the [[a]] device ID request from the first interface is received, said printer to <u>become</u> ~~enter~~ a busy state in which <u>a printing operation is performed such that</u> ~~no~~ data from the second interface is <u>not</u> received <u>and data from the first interface is received and printed</u>[[; and]]

~~releasing the busy state when no data is received within a predetermined~~

period of time after said printer enters the busy state.

7. (Currently Amended) A control method according to Claim 6, further comprising the step of printing, when data is received from the first interface within the a predetermined period of time after said printer enters becomes the busy state, the received data and releasing the busy state after the printing is completed.

8. (Currently Amended) A control program, stored on a computer readable medium, for a printer having comprising first connecting means for connecting a first interface and second connecting means for connecting a second interface, said control program comprising the steps of:

determining whether a device ID request is received from the first interface;

transmitting a device ID to a device connected to the first interface when it is determined by the determining step that the device ID request is received from the first interface; and

a control step of causing setting, when it is determined by the determining step that the [[a]] device ID request from the first interface is received, said printer to enter become a busy state in which no a printing operation is performed such that data from the second interface is not received and data from the first interface is received and printed[[; and]]

releasing the busy state when no data is received within a predetermined period of time after said printer enters the busy state.

9. (Currently Amended) A control program according to Claim 8, further

comprising the step of printing, when data is received ~~by the first interface~~ <u>by the first interface</u> within ~~the~~ <u>a</u>

predetermined period of time after said printer ~~enters~~ <u>becomes</u> the busy state, the received

data and releasing the busy state after the printing is completed.

10. (Currently Amended) A storage medium ~~for storing~~ <u>on which is</u>

<u>stored</u> a control program for a printer <u>having</u> ~~comprising first connecting means for~~

~~connecting~~ a first interface and ~~second connecting means for connecting~~ a second interface,

said control program comprising the steps of:

<u>determining whether a device ID request is received from the first interface;</u>

<u>transmitting a device ID to a device connected to the first interface when it</u>

<u>is determined by the determining step that the device ID request is received from the first</u>

<u>interface; and</u>

<u>a control step of causing</u> ~~setting~~, when <u>it is determined by the determining</u>

<u>step that the</u> [[a]] device ID request from the first interface is received, said printer to ~~enter~~

<u>become</u> a busy state in which <u>a printing operation is performed such that</u> ~~no~~ data from the

second interface is <u>not</u> received <u>and data from the first interface is received and printed</u>[[;

and]]

~~releasing the busy state when no data is received within a predetermined~~

~~period of time after said printer enters the busy state~~.

11. (Currently Amended) A storage medium ~~for storing a control program~~

according to Claim 10, <u>wherein</u> said control program further ~~comprising~~ <u>comprises</u> the step

of printing, when data is received <u>by the first interface</u> within ~~the~~ <u>a</u> predetermined period of

time after said printer ~~enters~~ <u>becomes</u> the busy state, the received data and releasing the

busy state after the printing is completed.

12. (New) A printer according to Claim 1, wherein, the control means releases the busy state when no data is received from the first interface within a predetermined period of time after the printer becomes a busy state.

14. (New) A method according to Claim 6, wherein, the control step releases the busy state when no data is received from the first interface within a predetermined period of time after the printer becomes a busy state.

15. (New) A control program according to Claim 8, wherein, the control step releases the busy state when no data is received from the first interface within a predetermined period of time after the printer becomes a busy state.

16. (New) A storage medium according to Claim 10, wherein, the control step releases the busy state when no data is received from the first interface within a predetermined period of time after the printer becomes the busy state.

17. (New) A printer, having a first interface and a second interface, comprising:

a determining unit that determines whether a printer status information request is received from the first interface;

a transmitting unit that transmits printer status information to a device

connected to the first interface when it is determined by the determining unit that the

printer status information request is received by first interface; and

a control unit for causing, when it is determined by the determining unit that

the printer status information request is received by the first interface, said printer to

become a busy status, where data from the second interface is not received while data is

received from the first interface and printed.